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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told
 Briefly for Busy Readers

Hole proof hosiery at Hart's. Adv.
 Guy Summers began work in Coop-
 er's mill this morning.

Social dance at young woman's club
 Wednesday, May 10. Adv.

C. E. Nichols of Londonderry is a
 business visitor in town.

C. A. Wilcox of Arlington was in
 town on business Thursday.

S. T. Palmer of Manchester was a
 visitor in town on Thursday.

Henry Pulver of Beech street is
 confined to his home with a slight ill-
 ness.

John Dwyer has taken a job as
 watchman in the new plant of the
 Payne brush company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. North of Albany
 were in town Thursday stopping at the
 Putnam House and visiting friends.

Theodore Roberts is featured at the
 Harte Theatre today in Mark Twain's
 "Puddin'head Wilson" a Paramount fea-
 ture. Adv.

H. A. Wilkinson, Laurence J. Gris-
 wood, Donald Webster and Max Web-
 ster enjoyed a hike in the Hell Hol-
 low direction Thursday.

Mrs. Herbert F. Dumas has returned
 to her home after recovering from an
 operation which she recently under-
 went in the Troy hospital.

Mrs. William Coulter of Pittsfield
 was a recent visitor in town, called
 here by the recent death of her moth-
 er, Mrs. Gabriel Monette.

Joseph Cunningham and James S. Silk
 are painting the house recently erect-
 ed by them on Putnam street. Grad-
 ing of the grounds has also begun.

"Rupert of Hentzau," faithfully and
 correctly presented in Blue Bird films,
 inspires lively interest.—Des Moines
 Capital. Opera house today. Adv.

Roy E. Macomber, whose parents
 moved to Boston last week, has taken
 rooms with Clifford Atkins, watch-re-
 pairer at James Wood's, in the Scott
 house on Pleasant street.

The last "Who Pays?" drama will be
 shown in addition to the eighth epis-
 ode of The Strange Case of Mary Page
 at Harte Theatre tomorrow. Francis
 X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne at
 Harte Theatre Monday. Adv.

Eugene LaFortune, John B. Harte
 and Charles Ray made another suc-
 cessful fishing trip Thursday morning,
 returning with three fine strings of
 trout caught in the Battenkill river.
 The men made the trip in Mr. LaFort-
 une's new Chevrolet car.

The advance sale for "The Only
 Girl" which appears at the opera house
 tomorrow night has started off very
 good. This is the last legitimate at-
 traction to appear in Bennington this
 season and carries forty people and
 two cars of scenery and effects. This
 is the same company who has just fin-
 ished a successful weeks engagement
 at Montreal. Adv.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock
 the Drysdale store will place on sale
 in their garment dept. 50 dozen of fine
 new white lingerie summer waists at
 the very special price of 79c. each.
 These are not a job lot, but clean su-
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 mings are most desirable and attrac-
 tive. All sizes 34 to 50 bust. Dis-
 played on special counters for easy
 choosing. Adv.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

J. D. Whittier spent Tuesday in
 Sandgate.

Mrs. A. B. Hawkins was in Benning-
 ton Monday.

Miss Jennie Harris was in Benning-
 ton Tuesday.

Albert Mattison is attending a
 school in Boston.

Mrs. Fred Greene, who has been
 quite ill is better.

R. H. Williams has returned from a
 business trip to Boston.

Mrs. Nettie Wyman spent Sunday
 with relatives in Adams, Mass.

Miss Marietta Howard was home
 from Shaftsbury for the week end.

Mrs. J. D. Whittier and Mrs. N. D.
 Bottom spent Tuesday in Bennington.

Miss Florence Humphreys was home
 from North Adams school over Sun-
 day.

Miss Camilla Cole is home from
 North Adams Normal school for a
 week.

Miss Stella Hawkins was home from
 the Samaritan hospital in Troy, last
 Friday.

Mrs. Edwin B. Humphreys and
 daughter Florence are visiting friends
 in Boston.

Miss Edna Way has returned to
 Saratoga, N. Y., after spending some
 time at L. W. Cole's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hawkins, daugh-
 ter Ruth and Miss Helen Cashmore
 spent Saturday in Troy.

Miss Isabel Cole visited friends in
 Bennington this week and attended
 the play "In Old Vermont."

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Dickinson of
 Herkimer, N. Y., have been spending
 several days with relatives in town.

Mrs. Louis Rabner entertained sev-
 eral friends from North Bennington at
 her home Saturday afternoon and
 evening.

Miss Mary Gordon and Wm. Gor-
 don of North Bennington spent Sun-
 day with their sister, Mrs. Clifford
 Hawkins.

The contest for Tent Caterpillar
 Eggs which has been held at the vil-
 lage school ended Friday. The total
 found in the primary room was 1049.

Melvin Becker won first prize for find-
 ing 300. 1452 were found in the inter-
 mediate room, Carl Jespersen was given
 first prize for finding 374 and Al-
 vah Mallory second prize for finding
 348. Charles Dickinson found 326.
 The total for the grammar room was
 330.

The Strange Case Of Mary Page

(Continued from Thursday's Banner.)

"Did he leave the hotel?"
 "No. He walked out into the office
 and across to where James Pollock was
 sitting and hung himself into a chair



"Their—freshness."

beside him. He ripped out a good round
 oath or two, then he said, "Now, look
 here, from what you told me, that Mary
 Page is no better than she should be,
 but anyway, she swings a right wale my
 jaw that jarr'd my brains in there,
 just because I tried to give her a little
 kiss—and offered to take her to the
 movies."

"Did Mr. Pollock reply?"

"No. First he looked as if he was
 going to hand the clamp one himself,
 then he laughed as if he was entitled
 with something, and I ran up stairs to
 Mary. She was crying, and packing
 her cry. She said that for the last two
 or three days she had noticed a decided
 difference in the attitude of the men
 towards her, and that at noon one of
 them had insulted her and she had
 slapped his face. The worst of it was,
 she said, the man said that he had been
 told that she wasn't so particular with
 others, and was notorious where she
 came from. When we went downstairs
 with our suit-cases in our hands the
 proprietor's wife was giving him an
 earful of what she had heard about us,
 of how bad we were and all the rest,
 and Mr. Pollock was sitting there tak-
 ing it all in, but pretending to read.

He jumped up when we came in sight,
 however, and started to speak, but we
 pushed by him and I walked right up
 to the proprietor and said, "Look here
 —you've been pretty white to us, but
 somebody is spreading a lot of lies
 around here, and we're going to quit
 P. D. Q., and we'd like whatever of the
 long gown is coming to us after our
 room rent is paid."

The old guy, seeing
 Mr. Pollock was listening, said we'd
 better all go into the dining-room to
 settle it; but Mr. Pollock followed us
 in, and said that as he was a friend
 of ours, that he had heard that there
 were a good many rumors about
 Mary's past, and that of course no
 actress could expect to have any repu-
 tation, as everybody knew what road
 companies were. Then he grabbed
 Mary's hands, saying, "I at least care
 nothing about gossip. Knowing Miss
 Page, you can kill this slander in a
 minute by marrying me!" That wised
 up to his game all right, but before I
 could tell her, she had dragged her
 hands away from him with a scream
 and backed against the wall, staring at
 us as if—she was—crazy. I called
 out "Mary! Mary!" but she didn't
 seem to hear me. She just kept star-
 ing at Mr. Pollock.

"Was he much excited?" snapped
 Langdon.

"Yes, but he was half drunk, too.
 He'd been drinking a lot all day, and
 it showed plainly on him. It was that, I
 guess, that made him act like a fool
 and try to catch her in his arms, cry-
 ing that there was nothing about
 her but disgrace and disaster unless
 she married him."

"Did she reply?"

"No—she didn't answer. She struck
 at him—twice—then she screamed and
 ran out—and across the street to the
 railroad. We—we followed as quickly
 as we could, and then—she elbowed
 and her hand went waveringly to her
 throat, as if the words would not come
 —and then—we saw the man waving
 his flag and knew the train from
 New York was coming in. I think I
 went crazy myself for a minute. I
 screamed and screamed and I heard
 Pollock screaming too, and we ran like
 mad—but we couldn't catch her—only
 —think God—the man with the danc-
 ing flag saw her and stopped her just in
 time."

"Did she fight against capture?"

"No. She just fainted dead off in his
 arms, and when we got to her, he had
 carried her over and laid her on the
 platform. It was then that I saw Mr.
 Langdon. He had just gotten off the
 train, and when he saw the crowd and
 Mary lying there, he turned white as a
 sheet and came running over. But I
 told him that she had only fainted and
 he'd better carry her over to the hotel."

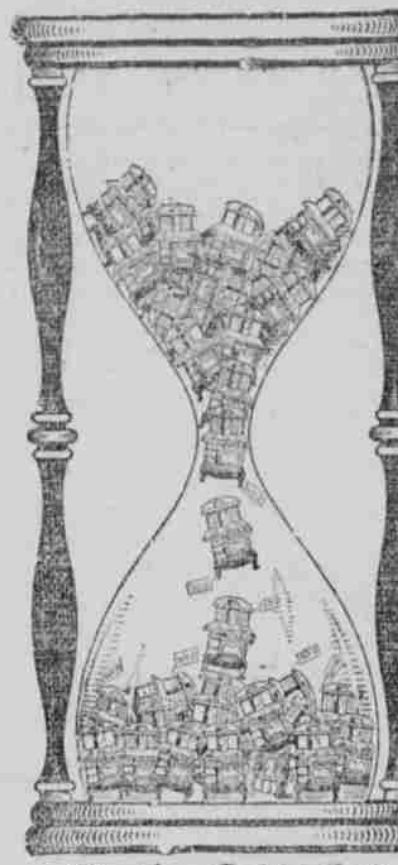
"Was Miss Page conscious when you
 reached the hotel?"

"No. But after she had been laid on
 the sofa in the parlor and the land-
 lady had bathed her forehead a while
 she opened her eyes and smiled at us,
 and the old woman, who was a good

soul at heart, drove us all out, saying
 that Mary needed rest."

(To be Continued)

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 liar with the work of the common
 housefly. A few years ago there were
 questions sent out in all the principal
 cities of this and other countries
 which put the matter before us quite
 clearly. Here is the list, with a few
 slight changes:

"Where is the fly born? In manure
 and filth.

"Where does the fly live? In every
 kind of filth.

"Is there anything too filthy for the
 fly to eat? No.

"Where does he go when he leaves
 the dung and manure pile and the
 spittoon? Into the kitchen and din-
 ing-room.

"What does he do there? He walks
 on the bread, fruit, and vegetables; he
 sticks in the butter; he swims in the
 milk.

"Does he visit the patient sick with
 consumption, typhoid fever, and chol-
 era infantum? He does, and may call
 on you next."

"Is the fly dangerous? He is man's
 worst pest, and more dangerous than
 wild beasts.

"What disease does the fly carry? He
 carries typhoid fever, tuberculosis,
 and summer complaint. How? On
 his wings and hairy feet. What is his
 correct name? Typhoid fly.

"Did he ever kill anyone? He killed
 more American soldiers in the Span-
 ish-American war than all the bullets
 of the Spaniards.

"Where are the most cases of these
 diseases? Where there are the most
 flies.

"Where are there most flies? Where
 there is the most filth.

"Why should we kill the fly? Be-
 cause he may kill us.

"How should we kill the fly? Des-
 troy all the filth about the house and
 yard that we can; pour lime on the
 rest; kill him with a wire screen pad-
 dle or sticky fly paper or kerosene oil.

"Kill the fly in any way, but kill the
 fly."

"The mosquito is closely allied with
 the fly. His favorite breeding place is
 stagnant water; an uncovered rain-
 barrel is all he wants to grow and
 thrive."

COUNT BONI LOSES AGAIN

Cardinals Declare His Marriage to
 Anna Gould Valid.

Rome, via Paris, May 4.—The val-
 idity of the marriage of Count Boni
 de Castellane to Anna Gould, now
 Duchess Talleyrand was confirmed
 today in a decision by the commis-
 sion of cardinals appointed to con-
 sider the claim of the Count for an-
 nullment of his marriage.

Count de Castellane has appealed
 several times to the Vatican for a
 ruling that his marriage was invalid.
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 decided against him, was filed in Janu-
 ary of this year.

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